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REMARKS

The above changes in the claims merely place this national phase application in the same condition as it was during Chapter II of the international phase, with the multiple dependencies being removed. Following entry of this amendment by substitution of the pages, only claims 1-5 remain pending in this application.

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Claims 3-4 have been amended as follows:

3. [(Amended)] The method for manufacturing a filter element as claimed in Claim 1 or 2, wherein:

said resin and material for said filter are formed of same material.

4. (Amended) A filter element manufactured by carrying out the method as claimed in claim 1 any one of Claims 1 to 3.